



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

July 3, 2007

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received a new application for an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit, which has been drafted for public comment. Permit UNEV2007204 has been applied for by the following applicant:

Ormat Nevada Inc.
6225 Neil Road, Suite 300
Reno, NV 89511

The applicant has become the operator for all existing power production facilities in the Steamboat area at the southern end of the Truckee Meadows. An application has been submitted requesting the integration of the two existing UIC permits UNEV50018 and UNEV70007 into one - UNEV2007204, and to account for the expansion of facilities, increase in injection wells and injection rates. The permit will authorize the operator to 1) temporarily discharge to surface basins and 2) re-inject geothermal fluids produced for power generation through multiple power plants into thirteen existing and proposed injection wells, located in portions of Sections 5, 6, T17N R20E, and Sections 28, 29, 32, 33, T18N, R20E, MDB&M in Washoe County, Nevada. Monitoring has been expanded recently due to requested project expansions and will continue to be conducted into the future in the area surrounding the project sites to ensure injected fluids do not impact the quality of ground water.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue UIC permit UNEV2007204 as stated above.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing by 5:00 pm - August 3, 2007 either in person or by mail to:

Attn: Russ Land
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control

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All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty days prior to the hearing date.

The application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Russ Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9428.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.

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